IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

PAM VANDEURSEN	
Plaintiff,	
v.	Case No.
CAMBRIA ENTERPRISES, INC., a Minnesota corporation, CAMBRIA FABSHOP-	(Removed from Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Case No. 08 CH 15281)
CHICAGO, INC., a Minnesota corporation,	
Defendant.	

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendants, Cambria Enterprises, Inc., and Cambria FabShop-Chicago, Inc. (collectively "Cambria"), by their attorneys and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446, respectfully submit this Notice of Removal with regard to Case Number 08 CH 15281, originally filed in the Circuit Court of Cook County, County Department, Chancery Division. In support of their Notice of Removal, Defendants state as follows:

State Court Action

1. On April 24, 2008, Pam VanDeursen ("VanDeursen") filed her "Complaint for Injunctive and Declaratory Relief" in the Circuit Court of Cook County, County Department, Chancery Division, Case Number 08 CH 15281, alleging causes of action for injunctive relief (Count I) and declaratory judgment (Count II). This dispute is predicated on the enforceability of certain post-employment obligations contained in Plaintiff's Confidentiality and Noncompete Agreement (the "Agreement") with Cambria. A copy of Plaintiff's Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

- 2. Upon filing her action, Plaintiff filed a Motion for an Expedited Hearing for a Preliminary Injunction. The state court has made no ruling on the motion. A copy of Plaintiff's Motion for an Expedited Hearing for a Preliminary Injunction is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 3. The attached Complaint and Motion for an Expedited Hearing for a Preliminary Injunction constitute all "process, pleadings, and orders" served upon Cambria in the state court action. See 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a).

Factual Bases for Removal

- 4. In her Complaint, Plaintiff alleges that she is a resident of Illinois. (Ex. A at ¶ 1).
- 5. Defendants are corporations organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota with their principal places of business in Minnesota.
- 6. Because Plaintiff is a citizen of Illinois and Defendants are citizens of Minnesota. there is diversity of citizenship between the parties pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332.
- 7. The amount in controversy in this litigation exceeds the jurisdictional threshold amount of \$75,000, exclusive of costs and interest. Plaintiff's Complaint does not allege an express ad damnum for her claims for injunctive relief (Count I) and declaratory judgment (Count II). However, when a plaintiff is seeking declaratory or injunctive relief, the removing defendant can also establish the amount in controversy by showing the value of the object of litigation. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. v. Stewart Title Guar. Co., 2007 WL 906154, (E.D. Wis. 2007); see also McCarty v. Amoco Pipeline Co., 595 F.2d 389 (7th Cir. 1979); Rubel v. Pfizer Inc., 361 F.3d 1016 (7th Cir. 2004).
- Here, Plaintiff's Complaint seeks, *inter alia*, a declaration that certain provisions 8. of her Agreement with Cambria are not enforceable and to enjoin Cambria from enforcing the Agreement against Plaintiff. (Ex. A at ¶¶ 17-20).

- 9. In addition to the "Agreement not to Compete" provision, the Agreement with Cambria also contains certain non-solicitation and non-disclosure obligations in furtherance of Cambria's lawful efforts to protect its proprietary confidential information, trade secrets and customer relationships. Plaintiff's Agreement with Cambria is attached to her Complaint as Exhibit A.
- Accordingly, the "object of litigation" at issue in Plaintiff's claim for declaratory 10. judgment directly effects Cambria's ability to protect its confidential information, trade secrets and customer relationships and, if the agreement is determined to be unenforceable, could result in significant financial loss to Cambria. See Affidavit of James Tucker, attached hereto as Exhibit C.
- Specifically, On December 7, 2005, Cambria offered Plaintiff a position as a 11. Market Representative. (See Plaintiff's Affidavit attached as Exhibit C to the Complaint). That offer was made "contingent upon you signing the Confidentiality and Non-Compete Agreement that will be sent to you, [which] needs to be executed and returned to me by your first day of work." The Agreement was sent to plaintiff, and she signed it effective January 1, 2006.
- 12. From January 1, 2006 to March 13, 2008, Plaintiff worked for Cambria as one of three Market Representatives in Chicagoland. As part of her duties and responsibilities, plaintiff was to recruit potential CIAs for Cambria in her territory. Additionally, plaintiff was responsible for stimulating demand for CAMBRIA® products within her territory, by doing things such as attending trade shows and conferences and visiting CIA retail locations, developers, architects, builders, and contractors.
- Surface Solutions, Inc. ("Surface Solutions") was one of approximately 12 CIAs 13. within plaintiff's territory, "core" or central Chicagoland. Surface Solutions represented 15 or

more surface products in addition to CAMBRIA products — including competing quartz products from Zodiaq, Silestone, Ceasar Stone, and Technistone, which compete directly with CAMBRIA products.

- 14. On or about March 13, 2008, plaintiff resigned from her employment with Cambria and advised Cambria that she may have an employment opportunity at Surface Solutions.
- 15. In or about early 2008, Cambria made the decision to terminate Surface Solutions as a CIA. Cambria had had ongoing problems with poor performance by Surface Solutions, and suspected that Surface Solutions was "flipping" customers, e.g., using CAMBRIA products as a loss leader to draw customers into their store, then making sales of competing products. VanDeursen knew of the decision to decertify Surface Solutions at least as early as February 20, 2008.
- On April 4, 2008, Cambria formally terminated its relationship with Surface 16. Solutions for the above stated reasons.
- 17. Cambria has since learned, from another CIA, that VanDeursen told him Cambria was experiencing production delays of up to six weeks - - a statement that is not only patently false, but potentially devastating to Cambria's business. Specifically, in the construction and renovation business, builder/remodelers and property owners very often base their product decisions on availability. A delay of more than three weeks would likely preclude a builder/remodeler or owner form selecting that product - - they will move on to a similar product that is readily available. Because VanDeursen recently worked for Cambria, any statement by her about Cambria products and operations, even false or disparaging statements, may be given credibility, and one may never know how deep or widespread the damage will be. Hence,

Cambria is exposed to irreparable harm through VanDeursen's apparent competitive activities, and her apparent "production delay" comment is a poignant example.

- 18. Plaintiff's Complaint establishes that Plaintiff plans on commencing work in the same geographic area for a company (Surface Solutions) that provides products that directly compete with Cambria's products.
- 19. As a result, Cambria is now faced with a disgruntled ex-employee, Pam VanDeursen, who is employed by a disgruntled ex-supplier, Surface Solutions, each of whom is positively incented to deflect sales away from CAMBRIA products toward competitors' products, and one of whom, VanDeursen, is possessed with detailed and intimate knowledge regarding the Defendants' business plans and strategies, customer information, and supplier information which could be used to assist her and Surface Solutions in deflecting sales away from CAMBRIA® products. Moreover, Cambria has information that VanDeursen has already begun to spread damaging information about Cambria to the public. The resultant financial loss to Cambria would be incalculable. Moreover, Cambria's confidential and proprietary information is worth significantly more than \$75,000. (Ex. C, Tucker Aff. at ¶¶ 4-6).
- 20. In addition, the potential financial loss to Plaintiff in itself exceeds \$75,000.00 as Plaintiff was earning \$63,000.00 in base salary from Cambria. Pursuant to the Agreement, the term of the non-competition provision is for two years. Presumably, Plaintiff has been offered as much or more to become employed by Surface Solutions. As a result, the two years of salary total more than \$75,000.00.

Removal Is Proper In This Case

21. Cambria may remove this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441 because jurisdiction in this Court is proper. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1), "[t]he district courts shall have original jurisdiction of all civil actions where the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and is between . . . citizens of different States . .

. ." As explained above, there is diversity of citizenship in this case because the Plaintiff is a

citizen of the State of Illinois and the Defendants are citizens of Minnesota. Also, the amount in

controversy in this case exceeds \$75,000.00, exclusive of interests and costs.

22. This Notice of Removal is timely filed, within thirty (30) days of Defendatns

receiving service on April 25, 2008. See 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b); FED. R. CIV. P. 6.

23. Cambria shall file a copy of this Notice of Removal with the Clerk of the Circuit

Court of Cook County, to effectuate removal of this action to the United States District Court,

pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1446(d).

WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully requests that this Court accept this Notice of

Removal and assume jurisdiction over this cause of action and issue such further orders and

process as may be necessary in the course of litigation.

DATED: April 28, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

CAMBRIA ENTERPRISES, INC., CAMBRIA

FABSHOP - CHICAGO, INC.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that on May 9, 2008, **Defendants' Notice of Removal with Amended Exhibit C** was electronically filed using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all attorneys of record who have registered for e-mail delivery as listed below:

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s/Brian P. Roche

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EXHIBIT A

Case 1:08-cv-02416

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COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF

NOW COMES the plaintiff, by and through her attorneys, LAVELLE LAW CROUP LLC, and for her complaint for injunctive and declaratory relief, states as follows:

PARTIES AND BACKGROUND

- 1. Plaintiff Pain Van Doursen is an Illusis resident and former employee of defendant Cambria Enterprises, Inc. (hereinafter generally "Carabria").
- 2. Defendant Cambria Enterprises, Inc. ("Cambria") is a corporation with headquarters in Minnesota in the business of manufacturing quartz surfaces. Cambria has offices in Illinois and its products regularly reach consumers in all or most parts of Illinois, including Cook County. Defendant-Cambria FabShop-Chicago, Inc. ("Cambria Fabshop") is also a Minnesota comporation, on information and belief is a substitution of Cambria, has offices in Illinois, and is in the business of fabricating quartz surfaces. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Cambria Rabshop is a subsidiary because, although plaintiff was hired by Cambria, her job supervisor was

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provided by Cambria Fabshop

- 3. On or about January 1, 2006, Cambria entered into a purported noncompetition/confidentiality agreement with plaintiff. Plaintiff had no employment relationship with defendant before signing the agreement, and defendant invisited that the sign the agreement in order to be hired.
- 4. The agreement, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A," stated that as purported consideration for the agreement, plaintiff was to be an at-will employee only and the agreement confained no description of the job responsibilities of terms of compensation or benefits which plaintiff would enjoy during her employ with Cambris. (See Exhibit "A" at Recitals, par. F and par. 1) The agreement itself required that plaintiff sign it before she could be hired (See Exhibit A par 1.)
- 5. The agreement concerned, among other things, the subject matter of post-employment noncompetition and the confidentiality of information or trade secrets which plaintiff might become exposed to at Cambria, and provided that it was entered into by Cambria, its subsidiaries and "any attiliate" of Cambria's as the employer, on the one hand, and plaintiff on the other hand. See Exhibit "A" at page I (Introduction). Plaintiff worked at the Cambria Fabshop, Illinois location, and her duties included meeting with and educating dealers and business partners of Cambria, with regard to the value and benefit of Cambria products, (See Exhibit B. affidavit of plaintiff attached betsto and incorporated herein.)
- 6. On or about the second week of March 2008, plaintiff prepared to take on new employment with Surface Solutions, Inc., (hereinafter "Surface Solutions"), an Illinois. corporation engaged in the fabrication of countemps.

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7. Surface Solutions had been a partner of Cambria's during plaintiff's employment with

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- 8. On March 31, 2008, plaintiff began her employment with Surface. On April 4, 2008, a Cambria representative verbally informed Surface that it was terminating Surface's status partner slatus. The effect of this action on Cambria's part was to end Surface's affiliation with Cambria,
- 9. Additionally, on April 10, 2008, Cambris wrote to both plaintiff and Surface, claiming that plaintiff was prohibited from working for Suiface due to the terms of Exhibit "A," that Surface was interfering with Exhibit "A." and threatening to sue both plaintiff and Surface if plaintiff was solicited or hired by it.
- 10. Plaintiff was hired by Surface to work upon sales of Cambria products, and she understood that based upon the terms of Exhibit "A" and based upon her discussions with Cambria and/or Cambria Pabeliop personnel, that working in such a capacity for Surface was not in violation of Exhibit "A."
- 11. Because of Cambria's relationship with Surface at the time plaintiff was put on its payroll, Surface was an "affiliate" of Cambria and thus, by a term of Exhibit A, was also an "employer" of plaintiff. (See Exhibit A at introduction.)

COUNT 1—PRELIMINARY AND PERMANENT INTUNCTIVE RELIEF

12. Cambrie's actions have caused and forced Surface to disallow plaintiff to begin her

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duries and has caused Surface to remain unsure if plaintiff can work for it, and has hindered plaintiff in her ability to work for Surface and to know that she has a job and the ability in carn a living in her chosen field.

- 13. Exhibit "A" is unemforceable given, inter alia, the lack of consideration supporting it. the fact that it violates public polloy, and that fact that even if it were enforceable, plaintiff is not breaching any obligations thereundar and must be so interpreted.
- 14. Plaintiff has requested of Cambria that it cease and desist interfering with her ourrent employment, but Cambrie has failed to do so and indicated they will confinue to do so and/or to suc plaintiff and her current employed
- 15. Plaintiff's right to employment without interference by her former employer is manifest and absent an award of preliminary and permanent injunctive relief, plaintiff will be irreparably harmed as she will lose not only her employment with Solutions but her ability to support herself will be significantly impaired, and she has no adequate remedy at law for her
- 16. No harm will befall defendant by the issue of injunctive relief as Combria is still operating, and expeditions injunctive and declaratory relief herein is available while the status quo is maintained; the status quo being that plaintiff was employed by Surface and that she will sells Cambria products

WHEREFORE, plaintiff respectfully requests that this Honorable Court

- A hold an expedited hearing on her right to a proliminary injunction and limited discovery accessary for plaintiff to prepare for same;
- B. enter an order enjoining and prohibiting Cambria from interfering with plaintiff's employment with Surface, including prohibiting Cambria from threatening to sue plaintiff or Surface or from claiming to plaintiff, Surface or others that plaintiff is in violation of Exhibit "A", and restoring Surface the right

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to sell Cambria products under the terms of its business partnership agreement with Cambria so that plaintiff can perform the job for which she was lived.

- C. thereafter to conduct a full hearing on the merits and enter an order permanently enjoining Cambria from such interference and attempt to enforce Exhibit "A";
- D. restoring the right of Surface to sell Cambria products under the terms of its business partner agreement with Combain; and
- B. accord such other relief to petitioners as is just and proper.

COUNTIL DECLARATORY RELIEF

- 17. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges paragraphs 1-16 as paragraph 17 of this Count II.
- 18. 735 ILCS 5/2-701 provides generally that a declaration of rights, including those arising from construction of contracts, may be made and such shall have the binding effect of a final pidgment.
- 19. Cambria has taken the position that Exhibit "A" prohibits plaintiff from working for Surface and that her conduct in doing so, while plaintiff asserts that she is not prohibited from doing so under the terms of the Agreement, which if so interpreted is against public policy. Moreover, Cambria has willfully placed plaintiff in the apparent position of violating Exhibit A by, after plaintiff was hired by Surface Solutions, reconinating the business partner/affiliate relationship it had with Surface Solutions.
- 20. Plaintiff has a clear interest in the instant controversy, which is ripe and appropriate for review by way of the declaratory judgment mechanism.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays that

A. This Court make a determination that the instant matter may proceed as a declaratory action and that the Court enter a declaratory judgment in plaintiffs' favor under 735 HECS 5/2.701, declaring the right of plaintiff to lawfully continue in her employment with Surface and that such employment is not prohibited by Exhibit "A" or otherwise;

- B. Require Cambria to restore the effectiveness of the business partner agreement. between Cambria and Surface Solutions so that planniff can perform the job for which also was hireff mid
- C. That this Court grant such other relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully Submitted.

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Verification by Certification

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in the foregoing instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters, the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that she verily believes the same to be true.

Pam VanDeursen

CONFIDENTIALITY AND NONCOMPETE AGREPMENT

This Confidentiality and Non-Compete Agreement is entered into as of Juniory 1, 2006 between Combine Brown five, a Minnesott corporation located at 704 North Main Street in Lieuway, MA: 56078, and its substitutes and our property of the control o and my effiliate thereof (collectively, "Employer"), and Pariola Lymns VanDeursen who resides at PO Box 270, Wayne IL 60184 (Employee).

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- c. "Intellectual Property Rights" means all finallocated property rights, mechanise but not limited to, all parent, corporably, trademark, and trade secret rights recognized under state; federal or common law in the United States, finespa committee and all international conventions.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

PAM VandEURSEN,)	
Plaintiff,)))	
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CAMBRIA ENTERPRISES INC., a Minnesota))	
Corporation, and CAMBRIA FABSHOP -)	
CHICAGO INC., a Minnesota corporation,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

AFFIDAVIT

- I, Pam VanDeursen, being first duly swom, do hereby state under oath that the following statements are true and correct based on my personal knowledge, information and belief, and that if called upon to testify, I would so state under oath:
- I am a former employee of Cambria Enterprises Inc., a Minnesota corporation, aud/or Cambria FabShop - Chicago, Inc., a Minnesota corporation that is authorized to conduct business in the State of Illinois (hereafter collectively referred to as "Cambria"). Cambria is a manufacturer of natural quartz countertop products for home and commercial use.
- In November or December 2005, I was solicited by a Cambria supervisor, Mr. Scott Jenewein, to join the company as a marketing representative. I was informed by Mr. Jenewein during my job interview that I would be required to sign a covenant not to compete with Cambria for two years after the termination of my employment. The covenant itself expressly stated that I could not begin my employment unless I signed the agreement (see Exhibit _____, a copy of non-compete agreement), and I understood I had no choice but to sign the covenant and that I could not negotiate its terms if I wanted to work for Cambria.
- Cambria hired me as a marketing representative and assigned me to cover a territory encompassing about 18 counties in Illinois, running from Illinois Route 53 to the west almost to the Iowa border, south to Wilmington and including part of Cook County. My first day of working for Cambria was January 1, 2006, and my job duties included meeting with and educating kitchen and bath dealers in the building and remodeling industries about the value and benefits of Cambria quartz products. This included visiting Cambria business partners in my

Exhibit B

territory to promote Cambria products, attendance at various trade shows, and monitoring the sales and productivity of the Cambria business partners, known as "Cambria Installer Associates." As a marketing representative, I never dealt directly with consumers nor made any sales of the Cambria product. Rather, I worked directly with Cambria's business partners in the kitchen and bath retail market. The Cambria Installer Associates also sell surface products made by competing manufacturers, so it was my duty to promote sales of the Cambria products among these affiliates. However, I was not provided with an employment contract.

- I was quite successful in the performance of my job duties, and in January 2007 I received a \$3,000 bonus pay raise due to my job performance.
- On February 28, 2008, I received a letter from my then district manager, Mr. 5. Patrick Simonett, stating that I was being placed on probation for at least 30 days, that I was required to perform specific tasks in order to improve my productivity, and that I would receive performance reviews every two weeks to determine whether I had complied with my probation requirements. I viewed the allegations in the probationary letter as very picayunish, particularly considering that my performance was meeting, if not exceeding, the performances of other Cambria marketing reps. This caused me to believe that Cambria's management was planning to terminate my employment, and so I began seeking a new job elsewhere.
- About February 29, 2008, I contacted Mr. Gary Linze, the president of a fabricator-installer company and Cambria business partner in my territory named Surface Solutions Inc. I asked Mr. Linze whether he would be interested in hiring me as a Cambria products salesperson. This was strictly my idea and neither Mr. Linze nor any agent of Surface Solutions ever solicited me for employment. Surface Solutions' productivity had been about average for the length of time (12 months) that they partnered to sell Cambria products. I believed that it would be beneficial to both Surface Solutions, Cambria and myself if I were hired by Surface Solutions to promote and sell Cambria products. About a week later, Mr. Linze sent me a written job offer that I was quite happy to receive because I knew that Surface Solutions was affiliated with Cambria, that I would not violate my non-compete and confidentiality agreement by working for one of Cambria's business partners, and that I would not be forced to leave the countertop-surface industry. After discussions related to the job offer, I signed an employment contract with Surface Solutions on about March 18, 2008, with an agreement that I would be placed on the Surface Solutions' payroll as of March 31.

- On March 11, 2008, I gave Cambria an oral two-week notice of my resignation in 7. a phone call with Mr. Simonett, my district manager. I told Mr. Simonett that I would be working for Surface Solutions as their sales person for only Cambria products. Mr. Simonett did not object to my future employment with Surface Solutions, nor did he ever mention my noncompete agreement with Cambria.
- On March 14, 2008, I met Mr. Simonett at a predetermined location and, at his 8. request, I handed over to him Cambria materials and equipment, including a laptop computer with carrying case, a fax machine, a Blackberry PDA, product samples and other promotional materials, as well as my Cambria employee handbook, which he had specifically requested. I asked Mr. Simonett how I was supposed to work for the next two weeks without my equipment and supplies, and he told me that I would remain on the Cambria payroll for the next two weeks, but that I did not have to perform any of my job duties during that time.
- March 26, 2008, was my last day on the Cambria payroll. I was not offered and did not receive an exit interview even though it was company policy for departing employees to receive an exit interview.
- I signed my employment contract with Surface Solutions on about March 18, 10. 2008, and went on the company payroll on March 31, but my first day working out of the Surface Solutions' office was Monday, April 7, 2008. Surface Solutions had been a Cambria Installer Associate ("CIA") and business partner of Cambria's since about March 19, 2007. Because Cambria does not sell directly to consumers, Cambria has established formal relationships with fabricators, designers and/or installers around the world (with about six CIAs in the Chicago area). These business partners are the only companies with the authority sell Cambria products to other dealers and to consumers. In order to become a CIA business partner, the fabricator/installer/dealer companies must participate in lengthy training programs conducted by Cambria to learn how best to promote and sell the products.
- When I arrived at Surface Solutions on April 7, I understood, after a conversation with Mr. Linze, that Mr. Linze had been visited by Mr. Simonett the previous Friday, April 4, that Mr. Simonett had terminated the CIA business partnership with Cambria, that Surface Solutions could no longer offer or sell Cambria products and that the partnership was terminated because of Surface Solutions' low productivity. This was done in spite of the fact that Surface Solutions had secured about six new Cambria orders in the previous week and that other business partners in the Chicago area had even lower productivity but remained affiliated with Cambria.

This caused me to believe that Cambria was only terminating the partnership because I had started working for Surface Solutions, notwithstanding the fact that I was hired expressly to promote and sell only Cambria products.

- Mr. Linze asked me about my non-competition agreement with Cambria and I understood from this question that Mr. Simonett had raised my non-compete agreement in the April 4 meeting. I told Mr. Linze that I had a non-compete agreement with Cambria but that I had not discussed it with him because he hired me to promote and sell only Cambria products. I did not and do not agree that I violated my Cambria non-compete agreement by working for Surface Solutions.
- The purpose of my employment with Surface Solutions is to promote and sell 13. Cambria products, thus acting in the best interests of Cambria and acting in compliance with the non-compete agreement.
- Furthermore, I never received or learned of any Cambria confidential information. Cambria keeps no confidential client lists — at least none of which I am aware — because it publishes on its Web site the names and addresses of its business partners and retail dealers, and it does not deal directly with the end consumers.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Affiant.

State of Illinois)
) ss.
County of Cook)

Sworn to, affirmed and subscribed before me by the above affiant this 24 day of

April, 2008.

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- I. Gary Lines, being first duly sworn, do hereby state under outh that the following statements are time said correct based on my personal knowledge, information and belief, and that if called upon to testify, I would so state under cath:
- I am the president of Surface Solutions but, an Illineis corporation located at 1500 Foundry Park, Suite 1, in St. Charles, Illinois Surface Solutions is a fabricator, designer and installer of countertop surfaces for residential and commercial use.
- 2. On or about March 19, 2007, Surface Solutions became official business pariners with Combria Enterprises Inc., a Miniscota corporation, and/or Cambria FabShop. Chicago, Inc., a Miniscota corporation that Is appropriated to conduct business in the State of Illinois (becentler collectively referred to as "Cambria"). This parinership as a "Cambria Installet Associate" ("CLA") meant that Surface Solutions was given the authority to sell Cambria's induce quartz products to our clients in order to obtain this partnership, my business pariner Troy Filston and I had in adend meanings and unlarge sections at Cambria's Minnesota offices.
- 3. We had enless into an agreement with Cambria in order to become business partners. We do not have a convectible writtening receivent because it was taken back by Cambria District Manager Patrick Simonett on April 4, 2008, when this agreement was terminated by Cambria as with be discussed below, (See Exhibit I. wherein Cambria refers to Santace Solutions as a hashing partner.)
- 4. Surface Solutions first became acquainted with Cambria in early 2006, when we received a phone call flow a municipal named Pam VanDoursen, who identified herself as a

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Cambria marketing representative. She said she was calling to see if Surface Solutions was interested in becoming a Cambria business partner. We engaged in conversations with Cambria employees, including Ms. VanDeursen, for about six months before we started our official training to become a Cambria installer Associate.

- 5. From the time we become business surface and the time Ms. VanDeursen left her employment with Cambria, we were in regular contact with Ms. VanDeursen about the promotion of Cambria products to dealers.
- 6. As a Cambria business partner, we were permitted to offer this high-end product as an option for the designers, installers and consumers with whom we do business. We continue offering other brands of countertop surfaces, but we regard the Cambria product to be our highest-quality option. Cambria promotes itself as the only manufacturer of natural-quartz countertops in the U.S., which gives Surface Solutions the ability to promote and sell a unique product that can only be obtained from a small natural of source. In many 2008, I received a roution position from Cambria that only five other CIAs operate in the entire Chicagoland area.
- 7. Surface Solutions made approximately 25 to 30 sales of Cambria products, totaling about \$82,000 in sales during the nine-or-so months of partnership in the year 2007. In the first three-and-a-half-months of 2008, Surface Solutions made approximately seven to ten Cambria sales totaling about \$33,000.
- 8. About February 29, 2008, I received another phone call from Ms. Vanileursen informing me that she was going to be leaving her job as a marketing representative for Cambria. She discussed with me that Cambria executives were interested in increasing Surface Colutions' productivity in selling the Cambria products. She then asked me whether my company would have any interest in hiring her as a Cambria sales representative. My pertners and I determined that this would make a positive impact for our Cambria sales. In fact, there were several clients who said they were not happy with their current Cambria dealer and we had convinced them to stlok with the Cambria products by working through Surface Solutions. For these and other reasons, my partners and I determined that thing Ms. Vanileursen could be a very successful endeavor for our company (maddition to whatever advantages the increased sales would bring to Cambria), and we evelually made a written job offer to Ms. Vanileursen, which she accepted.
- 9. On March 12, 2008, I had a conveniation with Cambria executive Patrick Simenett. I fold Mr. Simenett I was aware that Mr. VanDeursen was going to be leaving. Combria and that were hoping to him that you now Cambria and that were hoping to him that

Ms. VanDeursen would continue to promote Cambria sales for Surface Solutions and that we expected this to result in a healthy growth in sales of Combria products. He expressed nothing negative about us bling Ms. Vanlieusen and he gave the impression that we would continue to grow our relationship as business partiers:

- On March 18, 2008, I attended a meeting at the Cambria FabShop Chicago labrication facility in Wankegan, Illinois, Mr. Simonett also attended that meeting and we again discussed the fact that I was hoping to hire Ms. VanDeorsen as a Cambria sales rep. His response again was quite positive. He also said he would come to Surface Solutions the following week to inform me as to who would be taking over Ms. VanDeursen's former role as the Cambria marketing executive for my region.
- 11. About two weeks later, Mr. Simonett came to Surface Solutions' offices on Friday, April 4, 2008. I was expecting the purpose of this visit to be a discussion about the new Cambria marketing reprocessing my region. However, one of the first things Mr. Sunonett asked me was whether I hired Ms. VoilDearsen She had been hired and Liet Mr. Simonest know this. framediately following my response, and amole to my surprise and disappointment, Mr. Streenalt then fold me that Cambria was saminating their parties ship with us.
- Mr. Simonett stated that Surface Solutions had not been making adequate sales to continue the partnership. I fold him that we had just secured six new sales within the previous week, and that our total Cambria sales for this first portion of 2008 totaled about \$33,000, but this did not convince Mr. Simoneu to continue the partnership. He told me that Cambria would still fulfill the orders for the six new sales, but that I would have to pre-pay Cambria for all the materials supplied for those six projects. This differed substantially from our business partner tains, where we were given 30 days following delivery of the product to make payments.
- 13. Sue Uliszinski of Cambria then said in a letter that I, on behalf of Surface Solutions, had solinited Ms. VanDoursen to leave his employment with Cambria and to come work for us. This is completely false, so I had never even considered hiring Ms. VanDowsen. until she called me on about February 29, 2008.
- Ms. Olistinski also stated in the letter that Ms. VanDeursen was bound by a covenant not to compete with Cambria for two years after remination of her employment. Mr. Simonett also stated that it was a violation of that agreement for Ms. VanDeursen to work for Surface Solutions, which made no sense to me because Surface Solutions is for was until April 4) a business partner with Cambric and Ms. VanDeursen was hired for the purpose of promoting

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and selling Cambris products. With the addition of Ms. VanDearsen to our staff, Surface Solutions now had a full sales team dedicated to Cambria products and we were continuing to participate fully as Cambria's business partier in promoting their product.

- 15. The termination of the business partitionship just over a year after it began is a severe loss to my company in regards to the amount of time and energy we put into in attending the Cambria training sessions and in promoting their product line with our customers, and in the amount of money we spen on product samples for a product we are no longer authorized to sell In the days since the termination of this partnership, I have been forced to turn away customers who want to purchase Cambifa products and I have been forced to explain to any customers and competitors that my business is still sound, despite having been mysteriously dropped from the Hat of Cambile business partners. I believe the termination of this parmership reflects poorly on my company's public image and was and is very harmful to us. I also believe there to be no vulid, equitable or justified reasons for this termination. Surface Solutions worked hard to generate approximately \$115,000 in Cambria sales during our first 12 months as business partitions, and we were just beginning to reap the benefits of our promotional work for Cambria products. Moteover, we authorpeded even more Cambria product sales with Ms. VanDeussen on board as our sales representative, and we suppely expressed this to Mr. Simoner during exery meeting we had with him.
- 16. I have been informed and believe that several of the other flyo Cambria business pertures in Illinois did not do much better than this sales amount during their first year or so, and that one correct Cambria business partner of several years stending does even less than this.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

State of Illinois County of Cook

Sworn to affining

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

PAM VanDEURSEN,)	
Plaintiff,)	08 CH 15287
VS.) No	- 42
CAMBRIA ENTERPRISES INC., a Minnesota Corporation, and CAMBRIA FABSHOP - CHICAGO INC., a Minnesota corporation,)	
Defendants.)	

MOTION FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING FOR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

NOW COMES plaintiff Pant VanDeursen, by and through her attorneys from Lavelle Law Group LLC, moving for the entry of a preliminary injunction enjoining defendants Cambria Enterprises Inc. ("Cambria") and Cambria FabShop-Chicago Inc. preliminarily from interfering in any way with plaintiff's employment with Surface Solutions Inc. ("Surface") and restoring to Surface the right to sell Cambria products under the terms of the business partnership agreement Surface had with defendants so that plaintiff can do the job that Surface hired her to do.

PAM VanDEURSEN Plaintiff

One of her attorneys

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

PAM VanDEURSEN,)	
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vs.)	No. 08 CH 15281
CAMBRIA ENTERPRISES INC., a Minnesota Corporation, and CAMBRIA FABSHOP - CHICAGO INC., a Minnesota corporation,)	
Defendants.)	

EMERGENCY NOTICE OF MOTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, I shall appear before the Honorable Judge Mason, or any judge sitting in his or her stead, in Courtroom 2510 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois, and shall then and there present Plaintiff's Motion for an Expedited Hearing for a Preliminary Injunction, a true and accurate copy of which is herewith served upon you.

By: Millie J. Landle
One of plaintiffs' attorneys

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned attorney, do hereby certify that on April 24, 2008, I caused to be served the above Notice of Motion, along with a copy of Plaintiff's Motion for an Expedited Hearing for a Preliminary Injunction, a Memorandum in Support, a Motion for a Preliminary Injunction, and this Notice by sending same via U.S. Mail and either facsimile or email, Chicago, Illinois, postage paid and properly addressed to the address indicated (and emailed or faxed to the email address or fax number listed) to the individuals and/or entities listed on the attached Service List.

One of plaintiffs' attorneys

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EXHIBIT C

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

PAM VANDEURSEN	
Plaintiff,	
v.)	Case No.
CAMBRIA ENTERPRISES, INC., a Minnesota) corporation, CAMBRIA FABSHOP- CHICAGO, INC., a Minnesota corporation,	(Removed from Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Case No. 08 CH 15281)
Defendant.)	

AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES TUCKER

James Tucker, being duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

- 1. I am the Assistant Chief Financial Officer of Cambria Enterprises, Inc. and Cambria Company (collectively "Cambria"). I make this affidavit on my personal knowledge.
- 2. CAMBRIA® brand natural quartz products sell at retail for slightly above \$50 per square foot on a national average basis. In the Chicago area, the per square foot price is slightly higher than the national average.
- 3. A typical residential kitchen or bathroom construction or remodeling project, where new surfaces are being installed, involves approximately 80 square feet of product surface, e.g., for countertops, back splash, etc.
- If Pam VanDeursen deflected the sale of 1500 square feet of surface product from 4. CAMBRIA® to other competing brands in the Chicago area — or approximately 19 typical bathroom or kitchen projects — the lost revenue to Cambria would exceed \$75,000.

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- 5. Over a two year period, a retail sales associate would be expected to sell many times more than 19 residential kitchen or bath projects, in addition to commercial projects, which typically are much larger in scale than residential projects.
- 6. The amount in controversy in this action is far in excess of \$75,000 from the viewpoint of Cambria.

James Tucker

Subscribed and sworn to before me

Notary Public

JULIA H. SAATZER &

Notary Public-Minnesota &

My Commission Suprise Jan 31, 2010 \$